

Service Date: October 29, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
U S WEST Communications, Inc. to)	
Implement its IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plan.)	DOCKET NO. D98.4.86
)	ORDER NO. 6063b

ORDER ON CARRIER NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) Order No. 6063a in this Docket, U S WEST filed a revised dialing parity implementation plan on October 15, 1998. *Inter alia*, Order No. 6063a included a discussion on U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s (U S WEST) proposed carrier notification procedures. Order No. 6063a approved U S WEST's proposed carrier notification plan with some modifications and required U S WEST to include updated carrier notification documents when filing its revised plan.

The Commission required that U S WEST modify its carrier notice to include a request for the carrier's name as it should be listed on U S WEST's notice to customers, and the toll free telephone numbers for residential and business customers to contact that carrier to change their intraLATA provider. U S WEST's revised carrier notification forms are acceptable in this regard.

The Commission ordered U S WEST to require participating carriers to respond to its carrier notification within 30 days as provided for in ARM 38.5.4120(3) instead of the 90 days proposed. U S WEST's revised plan states that it will require participants to respond within 30 days and is now acceptable.

However, the Commission is unable to determine when U S WEST plans to notify carriers. It is clear that U S WEST has not complied with ARM 38.5.4120(3), which requires carrier notice to be provided 120 days prior to the scheduled implementation date. October 11, 1998 was 120 days prior to the implementation date. U S WEST should provide this notification without further delay.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that U S WEST's revised carrier notification forms are approved. U S WEST shall notify carriers within five business days.

DONE AND DATED this 27th day of October, 1998, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
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